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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

In response to the First Office Action mailed September 21, 2004, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following Response.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The drawings were objected to because allegedly the line quality was poor and the text illegible. Formal drawings have been prepared and filed which overcome this objection.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 10, 11, 12, 14-18, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,543,788 to Vatt et al. Claims 1, 3, 4, 14 and 16 were rejected as allegedly obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent 5,978,654 to Colwell et al. Claims 1, 3, and 9 were rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,809, 425 to Colwell et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 21-26 were rejected as allegedly obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in light of U.S. Patent 6,373,437 to Morningstar.

The Applicant believes the Examiner's rejections are overcome by the amendments to the independent claims herein. Accordingly, the Applicant believes the Examiner's rejection will be traversed by the following Response, and the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the following Response.